Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Irene Voigt Eben, and we are richer because Irene lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Irene was born March 30, 1923. She spent the majority of the next nine decades living only a half mile from where she was born, but the impact she has had on others is far reaching; and,

Whereas, Irene graduated from Tyndall High School and attended Mount Marty College; and,

Whereas, Irene invested her life in what she could do for others; her community, church, and family, consisting of her husband, 9 children, 31 grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Irene's talents include teaching, writing, gardening, quilt making, sewing, and cooking. She is truly a homemaker as her home is filled with creativity and legendary Sunday dinners where everyone is always welcome, whether they are a seminary president, a foreign student, a neighbor, numerous foster kids, college students, or her family; and,

Whereas, Irene will observe her 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her family and friends gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 30, 2013, as

IRENE EBEN DAY

in South Dakota, and I join her family and friends in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-first Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State